

Welcome to the 447th AEG



The gateway to
Baghdad, Iraq, and
beyond.

As of Nov. 8, 2004

447th AEG Mission

The 447th Air Expeditionary Group, based at Baghdad International Airport in Baghdad, Iraq, supports Operation Iraqi Freedom. The group was established in April 2003 after elements of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division captured the airport on April 4 of the same year.

The group provides base operating support for Camp Sather, aerial port operations, explosive ordnance disposal and aircraft maintenance for transient aircraft.

The 447th AEG supports U.S. and coalition forces with airlift, supplies and delivery of these forces and materials within the area of operations.

The airfield is a joint civilian-military airport, with a military ramp on one side and a civilian runway on the other for civilian passenger airways and humanitarian airlift operations. More than 600

active duty, Air Reserve, Air National Guard and civilian personnel are assigned to the 447th AEG. The 447th AEG also supports the Multi National Forces, Iraq.

The 447th AEG reports to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base, Iraq, which is aligned under United States Central Command Air Forces, the air component for U.S. Central Command. USCENTAF develops contingency plans, conducts air operations and supports national engagement policy for a 25-nation area of responsibility that stretches from Kenya located in eastern Africa, southward to the Seychelles Islands, across the Arabian Peninsula and Southwest Asia to Pakistan, and northward through Afghanistan to the states of Central Asia.



Squadrons within the 447th AEG:

- Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron
- Expeditionary Communications Squadron
- Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Expeditionary Medical Squadron
- Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Group Staff Agencies:

- Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Airfield Operations
- Chapel
- Contracting
- Finance
- Group Operations Center
- Intelligence
- OSS/Safety/IG
- PERSCO
- Protocol
- Public Affairs
- Services

Camp Sather

Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott D. Sather, 29, of Clio, Mich., was a quiet professional, a special forces combat controller who enjoyed his job and did it well, colleagues said.

"Sather liked to be the 'do' man," said Staff Sgt. Michael Bain. "He would basically go out, take care of matters. Even if he wasn't asked to do it, he would just go out and do it anyway, just to make sure things got done."

Sergeant Sather was married and often talked about his plans to build a home, Bain said. His other love was riding and working on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Sergeant Sather was serving with the



24th Special Tactics Squadron, from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., when he was killed in combat April 8th in Iraq.

Special forces combat controllers like Sergeant Sather are called on to set up makeshift runways almost anywhere in the world and are trained in parachuting, scuba diving and air traffic control.

It's a demanding job, but Sather was "very relaxed, always at ease," Bain said.

Sergeant Sather's uncle is Michigan State Rep. John Gleason, D-Flushing, says Scott was

married in July 2002. His wife, Mel, lives on the base in North Carolina, he said.

Sergeant Sather graduated from Clio High School in 1991, where he played football and baseball, Gleason says, adding, "He was well-loved in the community. He was very outgoing...He was just a great person."



Camp Sather Rules To Live By

All members will follow the rules listed in General Order No. 1. These rules take into consideration the local environment, close quarters and 24-hour work schedules. These rules are for safety, force protection, and mission accomplishment.

- No alcohol.
- No drugs.
- No gambling.
- No heat producing devices such as coffee pots, curling irons, irons, microwaves, etc., are authorized in tent living quarters.
- No person of the opposite sex is authorized to visit each other inside tent living quarters.
- No pornographic or sexually explicit material.
- Cigarette/cigar smoking is authorized in designated areas only.
- Theft of material, equipment, furniture, or other government supplies will be investigated and addressed with disciplinary action.

Conserving Water

- Combat showers: Personnel should turn the water on to wet their body and hair, then shut it off. Lather up with soap, then turn it on to rinse off. The water should not run more than three minutes.
- Only wash full loads of laundry.
- Wash vehicles only at the wash rack by vehicle maintenance.

Safety—Think, Act, Do

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

- Hydrate: Drink plenty of water to prevent heat disorders.
- Do not drink from water bottles if seal broken prior to first sip.
- Speed limit in Tent City is 5 mph.

FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

FIRE AFTER
35 SECONDS



FIRE CONSUMED
ENTIRE TENT
IN 65 SECONDS

- Weapons: Unless on official business, clear weapons when entering camp facilities.
- No nature hikes: Due to unexploded ordnance in the area, no one should venture away from approved roads of travel.
- Open flames or candles are prohibited in the camp.
- Everyone is a safety officer: If you see a mishap, report it to your unit safety representative or the safety office at 453-0256.

Lodging for permanent party and transient personnel

- Lodging is open 24 hours daily.
- Lodging also serves as a base locator.
- No tent swapping without unit first sergeant and lodging approval.
- Ranking person in tent is responsible for all individuals and

maintaining proper sanitation inside and outside the tent

- Anything issued from lodging must be returned prior to departing camp.
- Quiet hours are 24/7 in tent city.
- First sergeant and fire department perform random tent inspections for cleanliness and fire hazards.

Arabian Nights Theater

Movies are shown every day all day and can be checked out from the morale tent.

Laundry Service

- Hours of operation are 1100 to 1530 Monday through Saturday.
- Personnel should mark clothing with the first letter of their last name and the last four of their social security number.

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs office is located in the 447th AEG headquarters building and is open from 0800 to 2000 daily. To contact Public Affairs, call 453-0284.

Flightline Photography/Clearing Images

Flightline photography is not authorized unless previously coordinated through the Public Affairs Office. Individuals caught taking photos on and around the flightline area without prior PA approval, run the risk of being apprehended by a member of the Security Forces Squadron.

While it is impossible for PA to police all individuals with digital cameras, military and civilian employees are reminded to think about operational security and force protection when taking photos.

Everyone is asked to use the same principle from weapons qualification training, which is to only

aim at what you intend to shoot/capture in the photo and to know what's behind your target/subject or object you're taking a photo of.

While it's OK to take photographs at Camp Sather to send to your loved ones so they know you're alive and well, it's not OK to take photographs and send them directly to the media without them being cleared for public release.

Media inquiries Airmen here who are contacted by members of the media should call Public Affairs.

Unit Public Affairs Representatives

Volunteers are needed to assist with the base's internal information program through the UPAR program. To find out more about the UPAR program, go to www.afnews.af.mil/iraq/baghdad.htm.

UPARs are the "eyes and ears" for public affairs around the base or



camp, provide a "helping hand" when needed, and act as the middle-man or liaison between your unit and the Public Affairs office and should do everything possible to contribute to the overall understanding of your unit's mission and that of the Air Force.



Hometown News Releases The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service reports on the individual accomplishments of active-duty, guard and reserve members, as well as DoD civilians. The news service sends news releases to media outlets serving their hometowns.

The following is a list of suitable subjects for Hometown News Releases.

- Promotions as they occur.
- Arrival for duty.
- Awards and decorations.
- Reenlistments.
- Individual achievements.

If you're interested in letting the people back home know about your significant events, fill out a DD Form 2266 and drop it off in the 447th AEG Public Affairs office.

Staying Healthy

The EMEDS clinic is located in Zone 3, just down the street from the Command building. Sick call is available 24/7.

The Orthopedic clinic is available at 2000 hours Monday through Saturday. Dental is available 0830 to 1130 and 1300 to 1730 Monday through Friday and from 0900 to 1200 on Saturdays. Life Skills is available 0800 to 1200 and 1400 to 1700 Monday through Friday. MEDEVAC is available if needed.

Personal Hygiene: Your mother was right: Wash your hands. Clean your room. The biggest medical threat here is illness caused by poor sanitation. Wash your hands after using the latrines or porta-potties. Remove trash from your tents and place the sealed garbage bags in a dumpster. Leaving trash and food around invites critters to move in with you, such as insects, rodents, snakes, scorpions, and feral cats!



Water: The water from the taps is not potable. It should only be used for showering, laundry, and cleaning. Drink and brush your teeth with bottled water. Be sure to drink plenty of water—two liters per hour when working outside in hot weather. To check yourself for adequate hydration, use the “pee test”: if your voided urine is the color of diluted lemonade, you’re staying well hydrated.

The Sun: Apply SPF 15 or higher sunscreen to all exposed skin when working outdoors. Wear a hat and keep your sleeves rolled down. If you have a pounding headache or feel dizzy, weak, or nauseated, get in the shade and start drinking water.

BIAP 24-Hour Weather Forecast Sunny and Hot -- Real Hot



Staying Healthy

immediately. If your symptoms don't improve within 15-20 minutes, seek medical attention. During the hotter months of the year the Command Post will announce the heat stress stages.

Animals: Do not feed any stray animals in camp. This is a violation of General Order No. 1.

Strayed animals may carry fleas, ticks, rabies, and are hosts to sand flies, which cause Leishmaniasis. There are numerous bats that come out at night. They are actually beneficial, since they eat their weight in insects that would otherwise be biting you. However, they can also carry rabies. If you find a



sick bat on the ground do not touch it or attempt to pick it up. Poisonous scorpions, camel spiders, black widows, and brown recluse spiders are also on the camp. When in your tent shake out clothing or footwear before putting them on. Use caution when working around piles of equipment or debris. Wear work gloves! There are also poisonous snakes on site, such as the Desert

as there may be snakes hiding there.

Insects: Leishmaniasis and malaria are here. Always wear permethrin treated uniforms and use DEET on exposed skin when out between the hours of dusk and dawn. Use a bed net in your sleeping area (hint: for bunk beds, use the ties provided on the bed net to attach it to the bedposts. To be effective, there should be no open gaps between the edges of the bed net and the bed itself. Don't simply drape it over the top bunk).

It is not necessary to take anti-malarial medication around the Camp Sather area.



Leiurus quinquestriatus

Source: Jeff Dawson

Horned Viper. Never attempt to catch or kill a snake. Give it plenty of room and it will remove itself from an area. As with scorpions and spiders, use caution when moving stored equipment or pallets.

Morale & Recreation

Services personnel provide numerous indoor and outdoor activities for the Airmen and Soldiers assigned to Camp Sather.

The recreation tent offers numerous events for leisure time activities such as bingo night, video games, several music nights for people to dance, pool tables, foosball, ping pong and a variety of board and card games.

For those looking to unwind by watching a movie or e-mailing and calling your family, the services squadron has just what the doctor ordered.

Rose's Café is an alternative place to go and unwind, eat cheesecake, have a

milkshake, read a book, or even view a movie.

For those who like to stay in shape or enjoy outdoor activities, the services



Morale & Recreation

enjoy outdoor activities, the services personnel offer volleyball, basketball and horseshoes.

If getting fit and staying fit is important, there are two fitness tents. One tent has a variety of cardio equipment and the other is used for strength and conditioning. The services squadron also hosts monthly 5K runs.



Support Agencies

Contact the American Red Cross.

The closet offices are located at Camp Liberty and Camp Victory. Be sure to brief your family members (including parents and other relatives) on procedures for contacting the ARC. It's a good idea to leave your family a copy of your orders. Make sure your family members know to contact your home station first sergeant or commander for emergency situations.

When Returning Home. Give your family a 'window of days' that you will most likely be leaving. Airlift is subject to change without prior notification and giving specific dates is asking for disappointment and heartache.

PERSCO: Limited personnel services are available, to include reenlistment, extensions and updating assignment preferences.

We do not have PC-III/MILPDS capabilities. It is highly encouraged that you get Virtual MPF access.

Getting promoted? You will need to bring a letter from your home station commander stating that you are recommended for promotion. Please ensure your I.D. card will not expire while you're here. For more information on our services, PERSCO can be contacted at DSN (318) 453-0143/0142.

The BIAP PERSCO email address is 447persco@bdab.aorcentaf.af.mil. The fax number is DSN (318) 453-0305.

Personal Protective Equipment.

Personnel must deploy into the AOR w/Flak Vest. It doesn't have to be Level-4, that will be issued here. Also, individuals must have an 8-point and/or floppy hat.

Operating Hours:
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. - Sun.



As of Oct. 1, 2004, the rounded DCU-style hat is no longer authorized.

Deployed Mailing Address. While at Camp Sather your mail will be addressed to your unit.

Example:
(Name/Rank) John Doe
(Unit) 447 AEG/ECS
APO, AE 09321

You can contact the Postmaster at DSN (318) 453-0050.

Legal Services. There are limited legal services provided at Baghdad International Airport or Camp Sather. Balad Air Base is where all Air Force personnel in theater will need to contact for legal assistance. If you have any legal assistance questions you may reach an attorney or

paralegal by telephone at DSN (318) 458-1636 between 0800 and 1800 Monday through Saturday. You may also email them at 332aew.ja@blab.aorcentaf.af.mil.

Area Defense Counsel services are available through the ADC office at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. If you are in need of the Area Defense Counsel, you may contact them at DSN (314) 480-2182.

Miscellaneous Notes. Visit the AEF online Website for a list of information concerning your deployed location. The address is <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil>.

Ensure you do not leave home station without knowing where your final destination is and making contact with someone in the organization you're being deployed to.

FINANCE

The 447th Air Expeditionary Group's Finance Office provides check cashing services, travel accrual vouchers processing, military pay inquiries, and act as liaison between the deployed member and their home station.

Our office hours are 0800 to 1230 and 1400 to 1700 Daily. No check cashing services available on Sunday. The telephone number is DSN (318) 460-1650.

There are no ATM's located at Camp Sather or the surrounding Army camps. In accordance with CENTAF policy, deployed members are only authorized one partial payment per



rotation. It is highly recommended all members bring a checkbook or traveler's checks with them when they deploy. Contact finance or your first sergeant for military partial payment limitations.

The weekly check cashing limits at Camp Sather are set at \$100 for E-1 to E-5, GS-1 to GS-9; and \$200 for E-6

and above, and GS-10 and above and contractors.

Due to the instability of local currency, the Finance Office is not authorized to make foreign currency exchanges.

Since there could be issues with members receiving pay statements in a timely manner. All Air Force members are required to log onto the MyPay Website at www.dfas.mil and acquire a PIN so you can have immediate access your military pay account while deployed.



Chapel Services



The 447th Air Expeditionary Group's Chapel Team provides weekly worship opportunities, weekly Bible studies and prayer, visitation, and counseling.

Our mission is to provide everyone assigned to Camp Sather freedom of worship. Our goal is your spiritual growth while deployed.

All faith groups are represented.



Anyone can join the Praise Band



Chaplains visit every workplace.